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To: **Florida Dairy Producers, Allied Industry and Others**
Re: **44th Annual Florida Dairy Production Conference**

Welcome to the 44th Annual Florida Dairy Production Conference! This conference provides an opportunity for representatives from all aspects of the Florida Dairy Industry to focus on information and ideas for improving profitability and sustainability of the Florida dairy industry.

The planning committee has planned this program in hopes that you will take home some information that will be of benefit in the planning and operation of your business. The speakers have been chosen with careful consideration for subject matter of timely significance. We believe that their information will be useful to you.

The proceedings are provided as a reference and record of the conference. Additional copies are available by contacting the UF/IFAS Department of Animal Sciences. You will also find the proceedings posted on the Florida Dairy Extension website at <http://dairy.ifas.ufl.edu>.

Thank you for your participation in the 2007 conference. Please feel free to provide any comments that can be used in planning future Florida Dairy Production Conferences.

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The Florida Dairy Production Conference is organized by the dairy extension specialists and dairy agents at the University of Florida / IFAS. For more information about the Florida Dairy Production Conference, please contact:

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Program Schedule

Tuesday, May 1, 2007

AM

Century Ballroom

Presiding – Albert De Vries, Department of Animal Sciences, University of Florida, Gainesville

9:45 Welcome and Remarks

Geoffrey Dahl, Chair, Department of Animal Sciences, University of Florida, Gainesville

10:00 Hot Issues that Affect Milk Production (Inter) Nationally

Steven Larson, Hoard's Dairyman, Fort Atkinson, WI

11:00 Feeding Dairy Cows when Corn Prices are High

Charles Staples, Department of Animal Sciences, University of Florida, Gainesville

11:45 UF/IFAS Dairy Update

Geoffrey Dahl, Chair, Department of Animal Sciences, University of Florida, Gainesville

PM

12:00 Luncheon

Presiding - Adegbola Adesogan, Department of Animal Sciences, University of Florida, Gainesville

1:00 Improving Dairy Cow Fertility through Genetics

Peter Hansen, Department of Animal Sciences, University of Florida, Gainesville

1:45 The Direction of Milk Marketing: from r-BST-Free to the Future of Federal Orders

Mary Keough Ledman, Keough Ledman Associates, Inc., Libertyville, IL

2:45 Refreshment Break

3:15 Employee Management for Producing Results on Your Dairy

Jorge Estrada, Leadership Coaching International, Inc., Graham, WA

4:15 Employee Management: Producer Panel

Participants: *Ron St. John, Don Bennink, John Gilliland, Jorge Estrada.*

Moderator: *Steven Larson*

5:00 Reception

Hors d'oeuvres and a cash bar are available for your enjoyment.

Wednesday, May 2, 2007

AM

Dogwood Room

9:00 PCDART Workshop

Dan Webb, Department of Animal Sciences, University of Florida, Gainesville

PM

12:00 Adjourn

Speakers and Program Participants

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